

Gigabit Rate IP Security (GRIP)

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Gigabit Rate IPsec (GRIP) is a research project to enable end-to-end secure communications at Gigabit data rates using the IETF IP Security Protocol.

GRIP is developing innovative methods based on pipelined processing of IP packets in programmable hardware to achieve Gigabit rate cryptographic processing.

The GRIP architecture consists of a COTS workstation and a PCI-based hardware assist board, which includes an onboard network interface card.

Key technical issues include:

- Sustained Gigabit rate IP communications that overcomes PCI system bus, memory, and CPU bottlenecks
- Dynamic management of configurable hardware assist
- Integration with automated security association and key exchange protocols
- Accelerate public key crypto processing to allow scaling of key exchange
- An open platform for high speed network security research



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